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# REPORT OF COMMITTEE

State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence

DEAR BRETHERN:—Through the kindness of our Heavenly Father we have been permitted to convene in this our annual meeting for 1879. The mournful circumstances that led to our failure last year will be remembered with sadness by all, but it becomes us to be resigned to the dispensations of an all-wise and gracious God. We mourn the loss of our brethren and sisters who fell under the weight of

the terrible securge at Lake and Lawrence.

Our present session has been quite interesting. All our churches that retain their being have been represented but one. We are sorry to say that some few have dissolved. We have received four new churches at our present session. There is one fact with regard to our present session that causes sadness—that is the fact that so many of our Ministers have failed to attend. Sad! Sad! So far as we know, all our churches have had preaching with greater or less regularity, and taken all together the state of the churches is encouraging. Some complain of coldness. Thus we thank Ged and take courage so far as our own body is concerned. Increased faithfulness should characterize our conduct as Baptists. Let us award the faith carefully. Not innovations should be tolerated. cerned. Increased faithfulness should characterize our conduct as Baptists. Let us guard the faith carefully. No innovations should be tolerated. Now and then new things come up in our worship; the tendency of which is to corrupt and embarrass. We rejoice to learn that the open-communion movement set on foot among Northern Baptists has proven a failure, and the ministers advocating it have either gone to the Pedobaptists, or have renounced their errors and returned to the truth. But while we are called upon to thank God for our escape from this ruinous form of error we behold the advance of an enemy but little less dangerous—set forth in the position that churches should not invite visiting members of the same faith and order to seats with them at the Lord's table in communion. This practice is now taken by J. R. Graves and advocated in the Baptist—his own paper. If it were to prevail it would work vast damage to the baptist cause in our own country. Let us stand in the ways and see and ask for the old paths where is the good way and walk therein. It is too late to admit new things in religion. Paul said: "I praise you that ye keep the ordinances as they were delivered to Paul said: "I praise you that ye keep the ordinances as they were delivered to you." Brethren, listen; what I say unto you I say unto all; watch.

Respectfully submitted. A.J. FREEMAN, W. A. HUTSON, HENRY WHITE, L. J. CAUGHMAN, Z. K. GILMORE, Committee.

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J.M. McAlister Meridian, Lauderdale Co.
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J. Murrell, Lake, Scott Co.
D. Fore, Jewell Hill, Jasper Co.
S. J. Smith,
J. M. Kelly, Decatur, Newton Co.
A. Winstead, Rushing's Store Laud'le Co.
T. M. Ellerbee, Forest, Scott county:

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# MINUTES

BETHEL CHURCH, NEWTON Co., Miss., September 20th, A. D., 1879.

Mount Pisgah Association convened to-day in her Forty-Second annual session at this place. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. Gressett. Text: 18 chapter John, 36th verse. "My kingdom is not of this world." Theme: Kingdom of Christ in the world, its origin, nature, &c. Though in feeble health Brother G. gave us an edifying discourse.

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Assembled in the house for business.

Prayer by Elder A. J. Freeman.

Committee to read letters—D. S. Holmes, D. T. Chapman and Eld. A. J. Freeman.

To preach at the stand this evening-Eld. Z. K. Gilmore

Committee on Finance—J. L. Hardy, J. A. Chambers and W. L. Kelly.

H. B. Cooper chosen clerk pro tem.

Proceeded to read letters from the churches. (For statistics see table.)

Letters were read from forty-three churches; delegates seated, their names being enrolled.

The body proceeded to elect officers by acclamation, resulting in the choice of Eld. N. L. Clarke for Moderator, H. B. Cooper Clerk and J. M. Pace Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were now called for, when letters from Sand Springs, Woodland, Friendship and Midway churches were read. Churches received and delegates seated.

On motion, visiting ministers of our faith and order were invited to seats in the body, when Eld. A. Gressett of Meridian, and Eld. J. B. Gambrell of Clinton, accepted the invitation.

Correspondence from other bodies called for.

Eld. M. E. Manning received as messenger from Springfield Association.

Package of minutes from the Ebenezer Association.

The following committees were appointed:

On Preaching—J. M. Pace, J. B. Buckley, Jos. White, B. M. Buckley, together with the Pastor and deacons of this church; which committee in a short time returned and reported as follows:

That Eld. N. L. Clarke preach the annual sermon on missions to-morrow at 11 a. m., and that Eld. J. B. Gambrell in the after-

noon, and that Eld. M. E. Manning preach at the church to-night.

Resolved, That a public collection be taken up to-morrow, after first sermon, for home and foreign missions.

On Nominations D. T. Chapman, N. T. Johnston, Wm. Graham. J. C. Walton, J. A. Blackman and A. Chaney.

On State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence—A. J. Freeman, L. J. Caughman, W. A. Hutson, Z. K. Gilmore, Henry White, H. B. Gooper and E. Creel.

On motion, the Moderator was added to this committee.

On Missions—A. Gressett, J. P. Pace, W. F. Vance and A. P. Wash.

To Write Letters G. W. Walton, D. S. Holmes.

On Queries and Requests—L. P. Murrell, J. J. Trayler, E. S. Stephens, L. Day, C. G. Johnson and J. J. Philips.

On Sabbath Schools-J. J. Trayler, D. Fore, J. C. Parker and J. D. Parker.

On Publications W. A. Hutson, C. C. White, A. J. Freeman and M. Barham.

On Deceased Ministers—J. B. Abney, J. A. Chambers, and J. L. Hardy. The Moderator added by motion.

Adjourned to meet Monday 9 a. m.

### SABBATH, 11 A. M.

Elder N. L. Clarke preached according to appointment, using as a foundation 18th verse of 3rd chapter 1st Peter. This sermon was surely one full of Gospel truth, well timed, clear and pointed; afterwhich a collection was taken up for missions, amounting to dollars and seventy-five cents, (\$15 75).

Elder J. B. Gambrell of Clinton, followed at 1 p. m., using as a text 20th verse 32nd chapter Isiah: "Blessed are they that sow beside all waters." Bro. G. seemed to have the presence of the spirit, and his discourse was listened to with marked interest.

### MONDAY, 9 A. M.

Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was then called, most of the delegates answering from their seats.

On motion, Bro. Hi. Eastland from the Springfield Association was acknowledged as corresponding messenger.

Resolved. That Elder B. F. Carter preach at the stand to-day and that Elder A. J. Freeman follow.

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To Springfield Association Elders L. P. Murrell, D. Fore.

To Bethlehem Association—Elders E. S. Stephens, B. F. Carter.

To Salem Association-J. J. Trayler and Elder D. Fore.

On motion, resolved that Bro. I. M. Nichols be received as corresponding messenger from Mount Olivet Association.

To Mount Olivet Association—J. A. Chambers, G. L. M. F. White.

To the Chickasahay Association—Elder A. J. Freeman and N. T. Johnston.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

Report of Committee on Queries and Requests taken up, and after some discussion, adopted. Exhibit A.

Report of Committee on Nominations, adopted. Exhibit B.

Committee on Publications reported. Report adopted. Exhibit C.

Report of Committee on Missions after being discussed with some interest, adopted. Exhibit D.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools adopted. Exhibit E.

Report of Committee on Finance adopted. Exhibit F.

Report of Committee on State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence adopted and ordered to be printed on first page of minutes.

Committee on Deceased Ministers reported. Report adopted.

Adjourned for 3 of an hour.

Business resumed. Delegates to General Association—Z. K. Gilmore, R. E. Buckley, J. J. Trayler, D. Fore, J. L. Hardy, J. D. Parker, N. L. Clarke, L. P. Muraell, C. G. Johnson, W. A. Hutson. E. Dean, A. M. Harris, J. T. Bryant, L. J. Caughman, J. I. Robinson, Jas. A. Chambers, J. L. Coker, Lee M. Philips.

# APPENDICES.

#### EXHIBIT A.

Your Committee on Queries and Requests beg leave to report: Query from Garlandsville Church: Is there no way by which we can get our churches to pay more for pastors? Your committee believe that the New Testament teaches the best plan; for it teaches that those that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. We would further say that each church see to that matter and adopt

such plan as seems best in their judgment. Submitted,

L. P. Murrell, J. J. Trayler,

L. Day. E. S. Stephens, J. J. Philips, C. G. Johnson,

Committee

The above committee recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Sulphur Springs Church Scott Co., Miss., Saturday, before the 3rd Sabbath in September, A. D., 1880.

Your Committee on Nominations would respectfully report that we have nominated Elder L. P. Murrell to preach the next Introductory Sermon and Elder W. A. Hutson alternate, and Elder J. M. Moore the next annual sermon on Missions and Elder A. J. Freeman his alternate. Submitted,

D. T. Chapman, N. T. Johnston, J. C. Walton, Wm. Graham, J. A. Blackman, A. Chaney.

Committee.

#### EXHIBIT C

We, your Committee on Publications, would recommend the Southern Baptist to every family in the land, and Kind Words as the best Sunday School paper in the South. W. A. Hutson, Submitted.

C. C. White, A. J. Freeman, M. Barham.

Committee

#### EXHIBIT D.

We, your Committee on Missions, deem it needless to undertake to prove that mission work is scriptural and important; this we consider a settled question, as this Association has been successfully engaged in this work since 1844; most of the time within her own bounds and with other Associations in regions beyond, and is now helping to sustain two faithful brethren-Johnston and Anderson, in the destitution between this and the southern coast of our State. Here a wide door opens for us, and our brethren have entered. amid the ever-changing state of our country there is almost every year arising destitution within the bounds of the various Associations in our section of the State which should be regarded by us and an effort made to reach it. Besides, there are, as nearly as we can ascertain, some 3,000 Choctaw Indians in our midst that are perishing for the bread of life. Shall we to them the lamp of life deny any longer? We think not. Therefore we recommend the following resolution:

Resolved. That this Association suggest to the General Association of Miss., the propriety of her employing at her next annual meeting an energetic man to labor as Missionary in East Mississippi, and that this Association pledge herself for his support with such aid as she may receive from other churches and Associations, and that the evangel siderati

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J. P. Pace. A. Gressett, Committee. A. P. Wash. W. F. Vance, EXHIBIT E.

The true idea of a Sunday School is the church engaged in the studying and teaching the holy scriptures on the Lord's day. This is the proper work of the churches and should not be turned over to a few, especially the young who are less prepared to teach the Bible. It is our opinion that none but converted persons should be charged with the duty of instructing the young. This is a vastly important work committed to us! Shall we fail to do it? Will we be guiltless if we fail? All over the country there are many children and grown up people who need instruction in divine things. This instruction we are able to give to their profit and our own good. Few things would have a greater tendency to develop the churches than a well conducted Sunday School in each church.

> J. J. Trayler, D. Fore, J. D. Parker. J. C. Parker,

> > Committee.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the report:	following
Received from the Churches for Associational purposes Collected on Lord's day for Missions	\$138 65 15 75
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We have also examined Treasurer's report and find the for 1878:	following

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" Eld. Crenshaw.

" " Magouirk.

" " N. L. Clarke.

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" To Gen. Association.

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To amount overpaid by Treasurer .. Submitted, J. L. Hardy,

J. A. Chambers, W. L. Kelly.

Committee.

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#### EXHIBIT G.

Your Committee on deceased Ministers can only bring to your minds the death of our lamented Brother, Elder W. D. Magouirk. This sad event took place in September as one of the disastrous results of the yellow fever. But inasmuch as an obituary has already been written and published we deem it unnecessary to republish one. Submitted,

J. B. Abney, J. A. Chambers, Committee.

## RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That any funds in the hands of the Treasurer of this body for mission work be turned over to the Treasurer of the General Association.

Resolved, That as the committee to write letters of correspondence to sister associations, failed to do the work assigned them, that delegates write their own letters of correspondence.

Resolved, That the funds sent up for Bro. Crenshaw be sent to

Resolved, That Fellowship Church, Rushing Store, Lauderdale Co., have a letter of dismission from this body.

Resolved, That any funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer after current expenses have been met, be transferred to the General Association.

Resolved, That the Clerk have the necessary number of Minutes printed, distribute them to the churches, reserving a sufficient number for corresponding purposes and receive \$20 00 for his services, and call on the Treasurer for that amount.

Resolved, That the thanks are due and are hereby tendered to this church and people of this vicinity, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body.

Resolved, That this Association adjourn to meet with Sulphur Springs Church, Scott Co., Miss., Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in September, A. D., 1880.

N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.

H. B. Cooper, Clerk.

Thus closed harmoniously the Forty-Second Session of Mount Pisgah Association.

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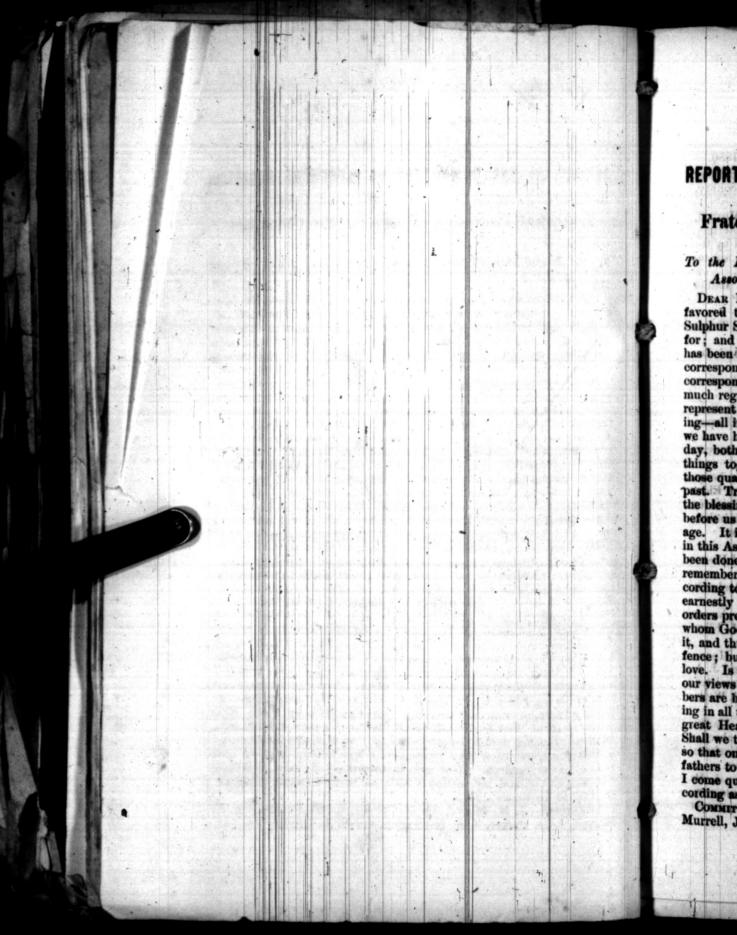
HELD WITH

# SULPHUR SPRINGS CHURCH,

Scott County, Miss., September 18th, 1880.

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# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION

Fraternal Correspondence with the Churches.

To the Membership of the Churches Composing Mount Pisgah Association:

DEAR BRETHREN-Through the goodness of God, we have been favored to assemble in this, our Forty-third Annual Session, with Sulphur Springs Church. . We were received gladly, and kindly eared for; and have had an interesting and peaceful time. The preaching has been lively and spiritual, and we have had, we are glad to say, correspondence from all the Churches composing our body. A The correspondence from sister Associations has been lean, which is to be, much regretted. The letters from the Churches, taken altogether, represent them as in an encouraging condition. All have had preaching-all in peace, and reporting the largest number of baptisms that we have had for many years. The collection for Missions on Lord's day, both home and Foreign, was considered hieral. Taking all things together, Mt. Pisgah Association seems to have lost none of those qualities that have rendered her so useful to the cause in time past. True, her Churches might do more at home and abroad, by the blessing of God, on increased labors. From the aspect of things before us at this associational meeting, we thank God and take courage. It is now thirty-six years since we began active mission work in this Association, which has been continued till now. Much has been done. Shall we not do more for the future? Brethren, let us remember our privileges, and try to meet our obligations. Each, according to his gift, let him occupy till the Master come. Let us earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. Other orders press their views with unfaltering determination. Shall we, to whom God has committed His truth, hesitate to declare and defend it, and thus prove unfaithful? God forbid! True, we may give offence; but for this we are not responsible, if we speak the truth in love. Is there not reason to fear that many are keeping back part of our views from the people, for fear of giving offence? Young members are being added to our Churches every year that need the teaching in all things, to the end that they may be sound in the faith. The great Head of the Church has committed to us a pure Christianity. Shall we transmit it such to our children? Such should be our aim, so that one generation may praise God's wonders to another—the fathers to the children. Hear our Redeemer, as He says, Behold I come quickly, and my reward is with me to give to every man according as his works shall be."

COMMITTEE J. M. Moore, H. B. Cooper, L. B. Fancher, L. P. Murrell, J. D. Parker, J. A. Herrington and N. L. Clarke.

# MINUTES.

SCOTT COUNTY, Miss., September 18th, 1880.

The Mount Pisgah Baptist Association met this day to hold her forty-third annual session, with Sulphur Springs Church, Scott county,

Miss., pursuant to adjournment.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. P. Murrell. from the 35th chapter of Isaiah, 10th verse, after which an intermission was had, all partaking of dinner, furnished on the ground by the church and kind friends in the vicinity. The delegates then assem-Committee to read letters—Irvin Graham, Elders G. W. Rainer bled in the house for business. Prayer by Eld. N. L. Clarke.

W. M. Hardy was appointed Assistant Clerk.

Appointed to preach at the stand this evening-Elders S. J. Tullos

Committee on Finance-N. T. Johnston, G. W. Rainer and Dr.

Letters were read from forty-nine churches, and delegates' names

enrolled. (For statistics see table.)

That this Association elect her officers by acclamation. Elder N. L. Clarke was chosen Moderator, Elder H. B. Cooper, Clerk, and J. M. Pace, Treasurer. aster and but

Petitionary letters were called for, when two churches were received and delegate seated.

respondence from other Associations was called for, when Elder respondence from (Meridian) Chickasha Association, and Brethren and S. H. Kirkland, from the Springfield Association, d as messengers from their respective Associations. The following committees were then appointed:

J. M. Pace, Joseph White, F. Sansing, and Pastor d Descons of this church.
On Nominations Jas. E. Chapman, Wm. Walton, C. C. Roebuck,

W. F. Jones, H. Robinson and J. J. Phillips.

On Missions G. W. Rainer, R. R. Miley and L. J. Caughman.

On Sabbath Schools—A. J. Freeman, O. F. Breland, T. M. Ellerbee and E. McCarty.

On State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence—J. M. Moore, L. B. Fancher, L. P. Murrell, H. B. Cooper, J. D. Parker and J. A. Herrington. On motion, the Moderator was added to this committee.

On Queries and Requests—L. P. Murrell, J. D. Hardy, T. I. Wells, H. W. Laird and A. Winstead.

On Publications—O. F. Breland, H. B. Cooper and W. M. Hardy. Resolved. That the following named brethren have leave of absence from this body: J. D. Hardy, Jos. White, J. M. Moore, I. Graham, N. T. Johnston, W. M. Hardy, H. W. Laird, and A. J. Boler.

e on preaching reported as follows: That Elder J. M. Moore preach the annual sermon on missions at 11, A. M., to-morrow, and that Elder A. Gressett preach in the evening, and that prayer meeting services be held at 9, A. M., to-morrow.

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#### SABBATH EXERCISES.

Prayer meeting exercises, conducted by Elder O. F. Breland.

At 11, A. M., as per appointment, Elder J. M. Moore preached the serman on missions, from Romans, 1st chapter and 16th verse, which discourse was listened to with marked attention, and was considered very encouraging, instructive and scriptural; after which a collection was taken up for missions, amounting to \$51.95.

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Elder A. Gressett preached in the afternoon from Luke, 24th chapter and 46th and 47th verses, which was a very interesting and touching discourse.

This day's exercises closed with a fine interest, quite a number of

persons coming forward for prayer.

### MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by the Moderator.

Roll called and rules of decorum read.

Resolved, That the name of the Philadelphia church be reinserted in the list of churches as a member of this Association, by request of Brother King.

Elder W. R. Butler received as corresponding messenger from the

Springfield Association.

Elder W. R. Butler appointed to preach at 11, A. M., to-day, and Elder O. F. Breland in the afternoon.

Proceeded to appoint correspondence with other Associations. To the Springfield Association—L. P. Murrell and J. M. Pace.

To the Mt. Olivet Association—G. M. L. F. White.

To the Salem Association-J. D. Parker.

Letter from Lone Pilgrim Association (colored) asking for correspondence and instruction, read.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report of Committee on Missions taken up, and after several good speeches from various brethren adopted—Exhibit A.

Report of Committee on Nominations, adopted—Exhibit B.

Report on Sabbath Schools adopted—Exhibit C.

Report of Committee on State of Religion and Fraternal Corres pondence adopted. (See first page of minutes.)

Report of Committee on Queries and Requests adopted—Exhibit D.

Report of Committee on Publications adopted Exhibit E.

Report of Committee on Finance adopted-Exhibit F.

Immediately after the adoption of the report of the Finance Committee, Brother A. Winstead proposed to be one of twenty to raise \$20 for missions, when \$15.50 was promptly given for that purpose.

Delegates to the General Association—A. J. Freeman, Dr. J. M. Kelly, L. B. Fancher, G. W. Rainer, S. J. Tullos, H. O. White, W. A. Hutson, T. I. Wells, Jas. E. Chapman, J. M. McAllister, J. M. Moore, O. F. Breland, N. Barham, E. S. Clarke, H. B. Cooper, T. M. Ellerbee, L. P. Murrell, N. L. Clarke and J. R. Torrans.

Adjourned for one hour.

## APPENDICES.

### Exhibit A.

We, your Committee on Missions, deem it unnecessary to undertake to prove that mission work is scriptural; this is conceded, and a work of vast importance in which this Association has been engaged for thirty-six years. . Most of the time within her own bounds. She has had, and still has her missionaries in the field through the General Association. One of them being engaged in the Northern boundary, while the other one is faithfully laboring in the Southern part of our State, where the destitution is so vast that more help is greatly needed. And still other quarters are calling for help. Now, dear breth-ren, the divine commission is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." The different races in our own midst have been much neglected by us. The Blacks earnestly ask us to instruct them in the way of truth. The Indians are perishing for the bread of life. Shall we them any longer deny? Nay, verily. Let us exert every reasonable effort to give them the Gospel, and thereby discharge our duty and obey the great command. We would recommend that every Brother-minister visit our colored brethren and instruct them more fully in the ways of light and knowledge, and also that we employ other missionaries and assign them their portion, that we fill up the destitution. We would especially urge this body to take into serious consideration the condition of the Choctaws, and continue our efforts in that direction.

Submitted.

G. W. RAINER, Committee.

### Exhibit B.

Your Committee on Nominations would report that we have nominated Elder N. L. Clarke to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder O. F. Breland, alternate; and the Elder A. J. Freeman the next Annual Sermon on Missions, and Elder H. B. Cooper, alternate. Submitted.

Commercial J. E. Chapman, W. F. Jones, J. J. Phillips, C. C. Roebuck, H Robinson, Wm. Walton.

## Exhibit C.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools regrets that so little interest is manifested by the churches in the Sabbath School. While we are very anxious for our children to have the advantage of the literary schools we seem to forget their religious training. The impressions made upon the young mind are more lasting than those made in after life. Train up a child in the way he should go—raise them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, are the teachings of God. The work of the Sabbath School is a work that all the church can engage in, either as teachers or scholars. Here we should make the study of the Bible the grand object, and seek to improve the mind with the

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truths of revealed religion. We therefore recommend to the churches of this Association, that they seek to form Sabbath Schools in their churches, where pure Baptist literature is taught and the Bible properly interpreted. Further, that each church report through their letter to the Association the number of teachers and scholars in their Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted.

AND. J. FREEMAN, Chairman Com.

### Exhibit D.

Your Committee on Queries and Requests, beg leave to make the following report: First, That the churches requesting letters from this body have their requests granted. Second, That we recommend that this body hold her next meeting with the Decatur church.

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COMMITTEE-L. P. Murrell, J. D. Hardy, T. I. Wells, H. W. Laird, A. Winstead.

### Exhibit E

We, the Committee on Publications, make the following report: That "The pen is mightier than the sword," is an axiom known and felt by all enlightened people. Hence, he that writes and circulates truth, advances the interests of mankind. This truth admitted, at once we see how vast the importance of sound religious literature. To secure this, pious and truth-loving men have, at great sacrifice of means and labor, sustained and sent forth religious periodicals through our country, which tend greatly to the good of our people to support and read. In our own midst we have our beloved Southern Baptist, which we recommend first and above all to the patronage and use of the membership of our churches. In this connection, we would not overlook other Baptist periodicals published in and out of the State. We therefore would urge that our pastors use every effort in their power to get their congregations to take and read one or more good O. F. BRELAND, Committee. religious papers. Submitted.

### Exhibit F.

W. M. HARDY,

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report:

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We have also examined Treasurer's Rep	ort and find for 1879-'80:
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Respectfully submitted. N. T. Johnston, GEO. ROBINSON, J. M. KELLY,

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# MONDAY AFTERNOON (SESSION, In the set HA hoe

Resolved, That this Association enter into correspondence with the Lone Filgrim (colored) Association.

Resolved, That correspondence with the Lone Pilgrim (colored) Association be entered into by sending to that body a letter from this Association and bundle of our minutes.

Resolved, That our delegates to the General Association be requested to present before that body the fact that there is some destitution within our own bounds that should be regarded and supplied if poslook other Baprist perindents patie

· Resolved, That corresponding messengers to sister Associations write their own letters.

Resolved, That the Clerk have a sufficient number of minutes printed for the use of the Churches, and a sufficient number for corresponding purposes, and receive for his services \$20.00, and call on the Treasurer for the same.

Resolved, That any funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer after current expenses have been met, be transferred to the General Association

Resolved, That the minutes of this Association for the respective Churches be sent to them by mail.

Resolved, That thanks are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Church and people of this vicinity for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body.

Resolved, That this Association adjourn to meet with Decatur Church, Newton county, Saturday before the third Lord's day in September, A. D., 1881. H. B. COOPER, Clerk. N. II. CLARKE, Moderator.

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We, the Churches of Jusus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and

practice.

3. We believe to the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity: in consequence of which we inherit a fallon

in him, all his posterity; in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature; consequently, the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith and salvation.

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6. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the Man Christ Jesus—who, by the satisfaction he made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, bath, by His most precious blood, become the end of law for righteousness, to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is Gol's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and new

The believe that the Gospel is made effectual, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justication, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, and that the hapiness of the lighteons and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

# Gospel Order.

1. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in brotherly covenant, to keep up a Godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of his church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel Ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. We believe that the Ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by Ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of reg-ular Baptist Ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only, is Baptism, and that believers

in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members

have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the Ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be duty of every church to expel from her communion, every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

# Objects and Powers of this Association.

This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches com-posing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrines, or tolerate immoral practices.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulty between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can, in difficult matters, when solicted, and, in general, to advance the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any

way they may deem practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent instituctions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them, according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion, whereby this right is called in question, shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when

convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in this Association, but not to have the privi-

lege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or person, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think

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m printed when necessary.

6. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a Treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all moneys

which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own By-Laws, and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

## Rules of Decorum.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pis-

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3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dissmissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding associational year, with the the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present at the succeeding Association until a new election takes place; and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incident to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more, until her number shall exceed one hundred—three, until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer nor debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing it requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association, except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflections on the Association, or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege; and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the Delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over, whenever necessary.

20. The u inutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rise.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The rules of order shall be distinctly read, by order from the Moderator, as seen as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment, at any regular meeting, by a majority of the Association.

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